

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Bosma, DeLaney

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honoring Attorney James H. Voyles upon his receipt of the Paul H. Buchanan Award for Excellence from the Indianapolis Bar Association.

Whereas, the Indianapolis Bar Association was founded in 1878 and consists of more than 5000 members; and,

Whereas, one of its most distinguished members is James H. Voyles, who has been practicing law in Indianapolis and is renowned throughout the State of Indiana and far beyond for his expertise in the defense of persons charged with crimes; and,

Whereas, Mr. Voyles has been practicing criminal defense for more that 40 years, having been admitted to the Bar of the Indiana Supreme Court in 1968; and,

Whereas, Mr. Voyles has also been admitted to the Bars of the United States Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Eleventh Circuits; the Federal District Courts of several States;



and the United States Supreme Court; and,

Whereas, Mr. Voyles has also tried significant criminal cases in the States of Illinois, Florida, Colorado, Montana, Pennsylvania, Nevada, New Jersey and Wisconsin; and,

Whereas, Mr. Voyles has been involved in numerous high-profile cases throughout his career; and,

Whereas, Mr. Voyles is a frequent speaker and teacher at numerous continuing legal education seminars throughout Indiana and elsewhere; and,

Whereas, Mr. Voyles is a leading member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, where he was first elected to membership in 1976; and,

Whereas, Mr. Voyles was elected a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1991, and has been named as one of the Best Lawyers in America annually since 1985; and,

Whereas, the membership of the Indianapolis Bar Association has recognized the outstanding leadership abilities of Mr. Voyles and voted him its 134th President where he served with distinction for 2009; and,

Whereas, in recognition of his unparalleled achievements in the field of criminal defense law, as well as his outstanding leadership and contributions to the betterment of the practice of law not only in Indianapolis but throughout the State of Indiana, the Indianapolis Bar Association voted to bestow the Paul H. Buchanan Award for Excellence, its highest honor, upon Mr. Voyles on February 17, 2011; and,

Whereas, the Buchanan Award is not an annual award, but is only given from time to time as is determined to be appropriate to a member of the Bar Association whose attainments as a lawyer have been notable, whose contributions to the Association have been unique, and whose honorable service to the profession have extended over a significant period of time; and that the award is given to reward such



accomplishments and to inspire others to such service; and,

Whereas, Mr. Voyles exemplifies the greatest and most noble characteristics of the legal profession and is most certainly deserving of this outstanding award: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates James H. Voyles upon his receipt of the Paul H. Buchanan Award for Excellence from the Indianapolis Bar Association and wishes him continued success in his future endeavors.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to James H. Voyles and his family.

